

NORTHEAST UTILITIES  
Form 8-K  
May 14, 2010

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **May 11, 2010**

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

**001-5324**

**04-2147929**

(State or other jurisdiction)

of organization)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

**One Federal Street, Building  
111-4**

**Springfield, Massachusetts**

**01105**

(Address of principal executive  
offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(860) 665-5000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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**Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management**

**Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.**

On May 11, 2010, Northeast Utilities (the Company) held its 2010 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. Two proposals were before the meeting: (1) the election of twelve nominees for Trustee to serve until the 2011 Annual Meeting of Shareholders and (2) the ratification of the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for 2010.

Only shareholders of record as of the close of business on March 15, 2010 were entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of March 15, 2010, a total of 175,958,625 common shares of the Company were outstanding and entitled to vote at the 2010 Annual Meeting. At the 2010 Annual Meeting, 142,064,857 common shares of the Company were represented, in person or by proxy, constituting a quorum.

The shareholders elected all the Company's nominees for Trustee and ratified the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for 2010. The votes with respect to the proposals are set forth below.

1.

Election of Trustees:

**Trustee Nominee**

**Shares For**

**Shares Withheld**

**Non-Votes**

Richard H. Booth

122,438,249

6,130,479

13,496,129

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John S. Clarkeson

127,271,340

1,297,388

13,496,129

Cotton M. Cleveland

126,405,983

2,162,745

13,496,129

Sanford Cloud, Jr.

122,351,061

6,217,667

13,496,129

E. Gail de Planque

126,452,302

2,116,426

13,496,129

John G. Graham

127,266,962

1,301,766

13,496,129

Elizabeth T. Kennan

126,232,070

2,336,658

13,496,129

Kenneth R. Leibler

127,280,105

1,288,623

13,496,129

Robert E. Patricelli

121,546,369

7,022,359

13,496,129

Charles W. Shivery

123,784,809

4,783,919

13,496,129

John F. Swope

126,329,066

2,239,662

13,496,129

Dennis R. Wraase

127,376,222

1,192,506

13,496,129

2.

Ratification the selection of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent auditors for 2010:

**Shares For**

**Shares Against**

**Shares Abstain**

139,911,068

1,244,855

908,934

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**NORTHEAST UTILITIES**

(Registrant)

May 14, 2010

By:

/s/ SAMUEL K. LEE

Samuel K. Lee

Secretary and Deputy General Counsel